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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 18, 2005

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2005, on which the shortened statutory period for response expired on January 18, 2006. A petition for one-month extension of time is accompanying this Response. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the Substitute Specification submitted herewith. A marked-up version is also submitted herewith. The Substitute Specification does not include new matter.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

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